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Applicant: Bitler

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Szekely, P.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It should be noted the word "prior" has been deleted from the attached PTO-1449. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b) or that the documents are analogous art. The Examiner is asked to consider these documents, and to confirm such consideration by returning an initialed and signed copy of the PTO-1449. Also attached is a copy of each of the listed documents. Insofar as the attached documents have markings thereon, no significance is intended by such markings.

The undersigned certifies under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and that, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months

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It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and the MPEP. If the some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.H.P. Richardson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**US PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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